# THE CONFESSION OF FAITH,

## SVBSCRIVED BY THE KINGS MAIESTIE and his Houſhold:

Ioſhua. 24. 25.

*So Ioſhua made a couenant with the people the ſame day, and gaue them an ordinance and law in Shechem.*

2 Kings 11. 17.

*And Iehoiada made a couenant betweene the Lord and the King and the people, that they ſhould bee the Lords people: Likewiſe betweene the King and the people.*

Iſaiah 44. 5.

*One ſhall ſay, I am the Lordes: another ſhall bee called by the name of Iaacob: and another ſhall ſubſcribe with his hand vnto the Lord, &c.*

# THE KINGES MAIESTIES CHARGE, TO ALL COMMISIONERS AND Miniſters within this Realme.

SEeing that wee and our Houſehold, haue ſubſcriued and giuen this publict Confeſſion of our Faith, to the good example of our Subiectes. VVee command and charge, all Commiſſioners and Miniſters, to craue the ſame Confeſſion of their Parochinars, and proceede againſt the refuſers, according to our Lawes and order of the Kirke, deliuering their Names, and lawfull proceſſe to the Miniſtirs of our Houſe, with all haſte and diligence, vnder the paine of xl. pound to bee taken from their ſtipend, that wee with the aduiſe of our Counſell, may take order with ſic proude contemners of God and our Lawes.

Subſcriued with our hand. At Halyrudhouſe, 1580. the 2. day of March, the 14. of our Raigne.

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# A SHORT AND GENE-rall Confeſsion of the true Chriſtian Faith and Religion according to Gods word and actes of Parliaments, ſubſcriued be the Kings Majeſtie and his Houſhold, with ſundrie vthers, to the glorie of God and good example of all men. At Edinburgh the 28. day of Ianuarie: The yeare of God 1580. And the fourtene yeare of his Majeſties raigne.

WE all, & euery one of vs vnderwritten proteſt, that after long and due examinatioun of our own Conſciences, in matters of true and fals Religon, are now throghly reſolued in the truth, by the word & Spirit of God And therfore we beleeue with our heartes, confeſſe with our mouthes, ſubſcriue with our hands, & cõſtantly affirme before God and the whole world: That this only is the true Chriſtiã Faith & Religiõ pleaſing God, & bringing Saluatiõ tomã, quilk now is by ȝ mercy of God renealed to the world, by the preaching of the bleſſed Evangell: and

and receiued beleeued, & defended, by many & sundrie notable Kirkes and Realmes, but chieflie by the Kirke of Scotland, the Kings Majestie, and three Estates of this Realme, as Gods eternall trueth and onely ground of our Saluation: as more particularlie is expressed in the Confession of our Faith, stablished, and publictlie confirmed by sindrie Actes of Parliamentes, and nowe of a lang time hath bene openlie professed by the kings Majestie, and whole bodie of this Realme, baith in burgh and land. To the quilke Confession and forme of Religion, wee willinglie agree in our Consciences in all pointes, as vnto Gods vndouted trueth and veritie, grounded onelie vpon his written worde. And therefore, wee abhorre and detest all contrarie Religion and doctrine: But chieflie all kinde of Papistrie, in generall and particular heades, euen as they are now damned and confuted by the worde of God and Kirke of Scotland: but in speciall, wee detest and refuse the vsurped authoritie of that Romane Antichrist vpon the Scriptures of God, vpon the Kirk, the ciuill Magistrate, and consciences of men. All his tyrannous Lawes made vpon indifferent thinges against our Christian libertie. His erroneous doctrine, against the sufficiencie of the written worde, the perfection of the Law, the office of Christ, and his blessed Euangell. His corrupted doctrine concerning originall sinne, our naturall inabilitie and rebellion to Gods Lawe. Our Iustification by Faith onelie. Our imperfect sanctification and obedience to the Lawe, the nature, number and vse of the holie Sacraments. His fiue bastard Sacraments, with all his rites, ceremonies, & false doctrine added to the ministration of the true Sacramentes without the word of God. His cruell judgement against Infants departing without the Sacrament, his absolute necessitie of Baptisme, his blasphemous opinion of Transubstantiation, or

on, or reall preſence of Chriſts bodie in the elemente, and receiuing of the ſame by the wicked, or bodies of men. His diſpenſations with ſolemne oathes, Periuries, and degrees of mariage forbidden in the worde: his crueltie againſt the innocent diuorced. His diuilliſh Meſſe, his blaſphemous Prieſtheid, his prophane ſacrifice for the ſinnes of the dead and the quicke. His Canonization of men, calling vpon Angels or Saincts departed, worſhipping of Imagerie Relicks, and Croſſes, dedicating of Kirkes, Altars, Dayes, Vowes to creatures. His Purgatorie, prayers for the dead, praying or ſpeaking in a ſtraunge language, with his Proceſſions and blaſphemous Letanie, and multitude of Aduocats or Mediatours. His manifolde Ordours, Auricular Confeſſion, his deſperat and vncertaine repentance, his generall and doutſome faith, his Satiſfactions of men for their ſinnes, his Iuſtification by workes, *Opus Operatum*, workes of Supererogation, Meri:es, Pardons, Peregrinations, and Stations, his holie water, Baptizing of Bells, Coniuring of ſpirits, Croſsing, Saning, Annointing, Coniuring, Hallowing of Gods gude creatures, with the ſuperſtitious opinion ioyned therewith, his VVorldlie Monarchie, and wicked Hierachie, his three ſolemne vowes, with all his ſhauellings of ſundrie ſorts. His erroneous and bloodie decrees made at Trent, with all the ſubſcriuers and approouers of that cruell and bloodie band, coniured againſt the Kirke of God. And finallie we deteſt all his vaine allegories, Rites, ſignes, & traditions brought in the Kirke, without, or againſt the word of God, and doctrine of this true reformed Kirk. To the quilke wee ioyne our ſelues willinglie, in Doctrine, Faith, Religion, Diſcipline, and vſe of the holy Sacraments, as liuelie members of the ſame, in Chriſt our Head: promiſing and ſwearing, by the Great

Name of the Lord our God, that wee ſhall continue in the obedience of the doctrine and diſcipline of this Kirke, and ſhall defende the ſame according to our vocation and power, all the dayes of our liues, vnder the paines contained in the Law, and danger baith of bodie and ſoule, in the day of *Gods* fearefull iudgement, And ſeeing that manie are ſtirred vp by Satan, and that Romane Antichriſt, to promiſe, ſweare, ſubſcriue, and for a time vſe the holy Sacraments in the Kirke deceitfullie, againſt their owne Couſcience, minding hereby, Firſt vnder the externall cloake of Religion, to corrupt and ſubuert ſecretlie *Gods* true Religion within the Kirke, and afterward, when time may ſerue, to become open enemies and perſecuters of the ſame, vnder vaine hope of the Popes diſpenſation deuiſed againſt the word of *God*, to his greater confuſion, and their double condemnation in the day of the Lorde Ieſus, Wee therefore, willing to take away all ſuſpition of hypocriſie, and of ſic double dealing with *God* and his Kirke, proteſt, and call the ſearcher of all hearts for witneſſe that our minds & hearts, doe fully agree with this our Confeſsion, promiſe, aith, and ſubſcription. So that wee are not moued for anie worldlie reſpect, but are perſwaded onelie in our conſcience, through the knawledge and loue of *Gods* true Religion, printed in our hearts by the holy Spirit, as we ſhall anſwere to him in the day, when the ſecrets of all hearts ſhall be diſcloſed. And becauſe we perceiue, that the quietneſſe and ſtabilitie of our Religion and *Kirke* doth depend vpon the ſafetie and good behauiour of the Kinges Maieſtie, as vpon a comfortable Inſtrument of *Gods* mercie granted to this Countrie, for the maintaining of his Kirke, and miniſtration of Iuſtice amongſt vs, We proteſt and promiſe with our hearts vnder the ſame aithe, hand-write, and paines, that wee ſhall defende

his perſon and authoritie, with our geir, bodies, and liues, in the defence of Chriſt his Euangell, libertes of our Countrie, miniſtration of Iuſtice, and punishment of Iniquitie, againſt all enemies within this Realme, or without, as vvee deſire our God to bee a ſtrong and merciſull defender to vs in the day of our death, and comming of our Lorde Ieſus Chriſt. To whom vvith the Father, and the holie Spirit, bee all honour and glorie Etanallie,

Amen.